

The Westfield-Washington Advisory Plan Commission held a meeting on Monday, June 7, 2010 scheduled for 7:00 PM at the Westfield City Hall.

Opening of Meeting: 7:00 PM

Roll Call: Note Presence of a Quorum

Commission Members Present: Pete Emigh, Cindy Spoljaric, Bob Horkay, Robert Smith, Bill Sanders (7:10), Danielle Tolan and Steve Hoover.

City Staff Present: Matthew Skelton, Director; Kevin Todd, Senior Planner; Jennifer Miller, Senior Planner; and Brian Zaiger, City Attorney

Approval of the Minutes:

Spoljaric asked staff to review the minutes and discussion regarding Wal-Mart addition.

Todd announced the public hearing for 1006-PUD-06 will be held at the June 21 Advisory Plan Commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Case No.	1005-CPA-01
Petitioner	City of Westfield
Description	The City of Westfield requests approval of an addendum to the Westfield Thoroughfare Plan, a part of the Westfield-Washington Township Comprehensive Plan.

Todd reviewed the request which incorporates modifications to the street and pathway network within the Grand Junction area and also with areas nearby and adjacent to the US 31 corridor in anticipation of the Major Moves construction. He further added the changes in the downtown area are consistent with what is shown in the Grand Junction Plan and overall the changes will enhance public safety and maneuverability by providing additional options and routes for pedestrians and vehicles within the downtown area.

Skelton continued the presentation with an update of the Thoroughfare Plan which is a component of the Comprehensive Plan. He discussed three categories of proposed changes including Grand Junction Connectivity Items, US 31 Major Moves Solutions, and Alternative Transportation Plan Enhancements. He noted this is not only intended to increase functionality while the highway is under construction but also long afterwards.

Ms. Melody Jones, Westfield Parks Director, presented further details regarding connectivity with the US 31 project.

A Public Hearing opened at 7:17 p.m.

Ms. Julie Sole, representing the Westfield Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the addendum and offered the Chamber as a venue in order to bring this to the public for education and information purposes.

Mr. Brian Morales spoke against the barriers on Main Street/SR32, west of US 31. He also stated he had sent an email of things to re-propose or consider when approving this addendum, He proposed some of this own alternative ideas.

Mr. Mic Mead spoke in favor of the addendum and also addressed Mr. Morales' comments.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:30 p.m.

Discussion followed regarding time line, priorities, need, ROI, safety, traffic counts, development, etc.

Hoover commented on some of the public hearing comments stating he agrees the access road and its positioning is critical and must be looked at.

Sanders added the distance between Pennsylvania Street and US 31 in Carmel appear to be at an optimum dimension as far as distance to achieve the best land use, and if we are going to be concerned with tax base and things that will enhance the financial portion of the community, we should think about that width and what optimizes development. He also stated that access roads should be continuous; he expressed concerned about the segments rather than continuation across the township.

Todd announced a Nitty Gritty workshop session coming up in July; details forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT (7:42)

Approved (date)

President, Robert Smith, Esq.

Vice President, Cindy Spoljaric

Secretary, Matthew S. Skelton, Esq., AICP